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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Authorization for "El Mercurio" Support

1. On the evening of 14 September 1971, the DCI notified the DD/P that he had received a call from Dr. Henry Kissinger in which the latter indicated that (a) the President had just approved the proposal for supporting "El Mercurio" in the amount of \$700,000, and, (b) the President wished to see the paper kept going and the amount stipulated could be exceeded if it would usefully serve that purpose. The DCI said, on the strength of that, he felt that we could exceed the authorized \$700,000 and go up to, and even over, \$1,000,000 provided it was warranted to keep the paper going.

2. On 20 September 1971, at the close of a meeting on another matter, the Chief, WHD queried the DCI on the nature of the authorization and the DCI reiterated, essentially, the points noted in paragraph 1 above.

Signed William V. Broe

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